



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Project Agreement for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program Grant

MEETING DATE: September 4, 1996

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the project and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Project Agreement, PS9706, for the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program Grant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the May 1, 1996 City Council meeting, Public Works Department staff informed Council that we received preliminary approval for funding of a bicycle and pedestrian safety program. With the adoption of the Bicycle Transportation Master Plan (BTMP) and the installation of new bicycle lanes, staff felt this would be a good opportunity to begin a safety program due to the increase of bicyclists. The Public Works Department staff sent a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program proposal to OTS in January 1996 for a \$36,000 project. We were notified that OTS increased the project amount to \$50,000. The project will begin in October 1996 and end in December 1998.

The Program will be a joint effort between the Public Works and Police departments. The departments will create an interactive traffic safety program to educate school-age children on pedestrian and bicycle issues. The Program will be designed to target kindergarten through sixth grade students. The Public Works Department will prepare and distribute "suggested routes to school maps" for the children, teachers and parents to use to determine the suggested routes to and from school. We will be creating a certificate program for elementary school students to be able to get free bicycle helmets and we plan to distribute over 250 helmets. We also will be administering bicycle rodeos to create a fun environment to test and educate the students on their bicycle safety skills. We expect this program to impact 3,800 elementary-age children. The program will also include a public relations campaign on bicycle and pedestrian safety.

One of the main reasons OTS recommended funding for this Program is that the City is listed as having a high number of bicycle accidents as compared to similar size cities. Out of 85 similar size cities, the City of Lodi was ranked as the sixth city with the highest number of bicycle accidents. We were ranked as the thirty-ninth city with the highest number of pedestrian accidents.

Our main objective of this project is to reduce bicycle and pedestrian collisions by providing a practical program to educate young pedestrians and parents. We are anticipating a dramatic improvement with the implementation of the Safety Program.

FUNDING: OTS funds in the amount of \$50,000


for Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

Prepared by Paula J. Fernandez, Associate Traffic Engineer

JLR/PJF/lm

Attachment

cc: City Attorney

Police Chief

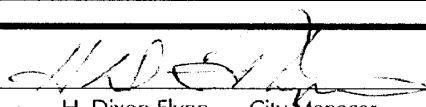
Police Captain Adams

Customer Service Officer Fuhs

Associate Traffic Engineer

LUSD Superintendent Del Alberti

APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 96-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
IN SUPPORT OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM,
AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT

=====

WHEREAS, on November 16, 1994, the City of Lodi adopted the Bicycle Transportation Master Plan (BTMP); and

WHEREAS, new bicycle lanes have been installed on various streets throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, in January 1996, Public Works staff presented a proposal to the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program Grant in the amount of \$36,000; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 1996 staff informed Council that the City has received preliminary approval for funding of a bicycle and pedestrian safety program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi has been notified that OTS has increased the project amount to \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, project will begin in October 1996 and end in December 1998; and

WHEREAS, this program will be a joint effort between the Public Works and Police Departments to create an interactive traffic safety program to educate kindergarten through sixth grade school-age children on pedestrian and bicycle issues; and

WHEREAS, the program will include preparing and distributing "suggested routes to school maps", a certificate program allowing students to receive free bicycle helmets, administering bicycle rodeos to create a fun environment to test and educate the students on their bicycle safety skills, and also includes a public relations campaign on bicycle and pedestrian safety.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby supports the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute Project Agreement No. PS9706 with the Office of Traffic Safety.

Dated: September 4, 1996

=====

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 96-120 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held September 4, 1996, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - Davenport, Mann, Pennino, Sieglock
and Warner (Mayor)

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None


JENNIFER M. PERRIN
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL

DAVID P. WARNER, Mayor
PHILLIP A. PENNINO
Mayor Pro Tempore
RAY G. DAVENPORT
STEPHEN J. MANN
JACK A. SIEGLOCK

CITY OF LODI

CITY HALL, 221 WEST PINE STREET
P.O. BOX 3006
LODI, CALIFORNIA 95241-1910
(209) 333-6706
FAX (209) 333-6710

H. DIXON FLYNN
City Manager
JENNIFER M. PERRIN
City Clerk
RANDALL A. HAYS
City Attorney

August 29, 1996

Mr. Del Alberti, Superintendent
Lodi Unified School District
1305 East Vine Street
Lodi, CA 95240

SUBJECT: Project Agreement for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program Grant

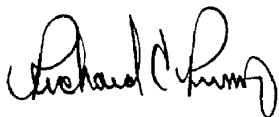
Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, September 4, 1996, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the consent calendar and is usually not discussed unless a Council Member requests discussion. The public is given an opportunity to address items on the consent calendar at the appropriate time.

If you wish to write to the City Council, please address your letter to City Council, City of Lodi, P. O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910. Be sure to allow time for the mail. Or, you may hand-deliver the letter to the City Clerk at 221 West Pine Street.

If you wish to address the Council at the Council meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Jennifer Perrin, City Clerk, at (209) 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Paula Fernández at (209) 333-6706.



for Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

JLR/lm

Enclosure

cc: City Clerk ✓